

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE FINAL DECISION ON THE REVOCATION OF NATIONWIDE PERMITS

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District

On March 9, 2000, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers published a notice in Part III of the Federal Register (65 FR 12818 – 12899) announcing the issuance of five new Nationwide Permits (NWPs), the modification of six existing NWPs, the modification of nine NWP general conditions, and the adoption of two new NWP general conditions. The five new NWPs are activity-specific and authorize certain activities in non-tidal waters of the United States that have minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. The new NWP general conditions limited the use of certain NWPs in designated critical resource waters and waters of the United States within 100-year floodplains.

On September 29, 2000, the Chicago District (District) published its intention to revoke previously suspended nationwide permits and the new Nationwide Permits numbered 39, 41 and 42.

The March 9, 2000 Federal Register notice is available on the Internet at the Corps Home Page. For information on the nationwide permit program in the Chicago District, visit our website. Interested parties were invited to provide written comments on the proposed revocation. No written comments were received during the comment period. On January 5, 2001, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, Division Engineer, revoked the requested Nationwide permits (NWPs). The approval of the proposed revocation concluded this process. Attached is an index of all permits revoked or retained.

If you have any questions, please contact Karon Marzec of my staff by telephone at (312) 353-6400, extension 4030, or email at karon.m.marzec@usace.army.mil.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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ATTACHMENT: Index of Existing, New/Reissued Nationwide Permits Revoked/Retained in the Chicago District

A. NATIONWIDE PERMITS REVOKED IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT

- 1. Aids to Navigation
- 3. Maintenance
- 7. Outfall Structures and Maintenance
- 10. Mooring Devices
- 11. Temporary Recreational Structures
- 12. Utility Line Activities
- 13. Bank Stabilization
- 14. Linear Transportation Crossings
- 18. Minor Discharges
- 19. Minor Dredging
- 20. Oil Spill Cleanup

- 22. Removal of Vessels
- 25. Structural Discharges
- 26. Headwaters and Isolated Discharges
- 27. Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities
- 29. Single Family Housing
- 31. Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Projects
- 32. Completed Enforcement Actions
- 33. Temporary Construction and Access
- 36. Boat Ramps
- 38. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste

B. NEW NATIONWIDE PERMITS REVOKED IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT

- 39. Residential, Commercial, Institutional
- 41. Drainage Ditches
- 42. Recreational
- C. NATIONWIDE PERMITS RETAINED BY THE CHICAGO DISTRICT
- 2. Structures in Artificial Canals
- 4. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting Activities
- 5. Scientific Measurement Devices
- 6. Survey Activities
- 8. Oil and Gas Structures
- 9. Structures in Fleeting/Anchorage Areas
 15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
- 16. Return Water From UCD Areas
- 17. Hydropower Projects

- 21. Surface Coal Mining Activities
- 23. Approved Categorical Exclusions
- 24. State Administered Section 404 Programs
- 28. Modifications to Existing Marinas
- 30. Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
- 34. Cranberry Production Activities
- 35. Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins
- 37. Emergency Watershed Protection

D. NEW/ REVISED NATIONWIDE PERMITS TO BE RETAINED BY THE CHICAGO DISTRICT

- 40. Agricultural Activities
- 43. Stormwater Management Facilities
- 44. Mining Activities

As noted in the January 3, 2000 and September 29, 2000 public notices, these activities can possibly be authorized under the District's Regional Permit Program (RPP) provided that they meet its specific terms and conditions. The District offers the following guidance for applicants who requested authorization under NWPs 39, 41, 42, as they were in effect prior to revocation:

- a. For any application determined by the District to be complete for authorization under NWPs 39, 41 and 42 by the close of business on January 4, 2001, the District will continue to process the application under the Nationwide terms and conditions set forth in the Federal Register notice issued March 9, 2000.
- b. For any application determined by the District not to be complete by the close of business on January 4, 2001, or any application received after January 4, 2001 the District will review under other avenues for authorization, which may include (but not limited to), the RPP or individual permit procedures. Projects previously authorized under the above mentioned permits will continue to be authorized until the expiration date noted in your received correspondence or permit.